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EYE-SALVE
FOR
ENGLISH-MEN,
AND AN
ALARVM
TO THE
LONDONERS:

Wherein is contained the Summary of *Romes* late designes against *England*, and the present plots and enterprizes in hand against *London*, to many as hath yet come to the knowledge of the *Author*

Together with the opening of an effectual door, to the happiness of this Nation.

Whereunto is annexed a Postscript containing Reasons and Motives to his Highness and the present power in being, to grant us such a Committee which hath been long promised, and much longer desired and sought for.

Composed for the view of his Highness, and all the People of *England*, by *Jeffrey Corbet*, Citizen and Grocer of *London*.

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ENGLANDS Warning-Piece.

AWake, awake O *England*, and if thou art of the horns that muſt hate the whore, and make her deſolate! do it now or never: or elſe ſhe will do it to thee, and make thee deſolate! Oh what a Lithergie hath ſeized upon thee! ſure thou haſt forgoten thy name, and art become a ſtranger to thy ſelf! thy dangers, thy deliverances, thy vows, victories are buried in oblivion! the Councels of *Rome* was at firſt thine Enemies, but now thy chiefeſt friends in Councel; the plots of *Jeſuites* were then thy fears, but now thy favors and delights. As ſoon as the Lord had pluckt out the ſword out of thine own bowels, thou dideſt ſheath it in the heart of thine ancient friends of *Holland*: and no ſooner is that over, but thou rageſt againſt thy friends at home. Awake and ſtand upon thy guard, for thou art allmoſt drunk with the abominations of the whore; How is the aire infected with Oaths, and curſings, and perjuries? How are the ſtreets thronged with pride and drunkenneſs? How are thy Chambers infected with ryoting, wantonneſs and gluttony? thou haſt not heard the voice that bad thee vex the *Midianites* which vex the with their wiles? Thou haſt not heard the voice that bad thee render unto them double? Yet the Lord hath compaſſion on thee, and ceaſeth not to give thee warning upon warnings. Surely *Rome* is the Mother of harlots, and is drunk with the blood of the Saints, and the ſouls under the Alter cry aloud; A Religion delighting in, and laden with blood: a Religion unſatisble and unparaleld, not endeavering any but it ſelf; yet agreeing with hell it ſelf, ſo the Pope be the head, making the word it ſelf to come, and lay down at his feet the Sword, and the Keys, and then he opens, and cuts off what Scriptures he pleaſes, he arogating to himſelf more power than the Devil, who promiſed but the Kingdoms

doms of the world, and the glory thereof; but he will promise Heaven also with Hell, and a new created place, which was never mentioned by God, men or Divils, even his own vast Territories of Purgatory; therefore it is a small thing for him to dispose of Kingdoms and Empires of the Earth. Are not there great animosities against *England* till it return to be disposed of by him? Look about and see the slaughters he hath made in our neighbor Countries about us, witness the Massacre of above 100000 *Protestants* at *Paris*, and the bloody *Spanish* Inquisition, and the like; but to come nearer home, let us remember the *Spanish* Armado in 88. which came with Instruments of cruelty to Massacre all the *Protestants* of *England*: and let us not forget the hellish *Powder-plot*, & the *Spanish* Fleet about 1639 laden also with Instruments of cruelty for a Massacre, which were vanquished by the *Holland* Fleet in the Downs; and after that in the year 1640 when the Popes firebrand the Queens Mother was in *England*, she brought over an *Irish* Priest who boasted that he was the chief contriver of the Massacre, in ended to cut off all the *Protestants* in *England* & *Ireland*, and that he was by the Pope employed to all Catholick Princes, for their contribution towards that bloody Massacre, and he gave it under his hand about *August* 1640 that their were 7000. men in private pay for the Massacre here: and that there were 500 *Irish* Souldiers sent out of *Flanders* to guard the Tower under the Popish Lord *Cottington*, and that the Queen would pawn the Jewels of the Crown, to supply them with mony for that bloody work, whereupon *William O Conner* was apprehended, and committed to the *Gate-house*, 3. of *September* 1640. which was many Months before the *Irish* Rebellion brake forth, and was kept prisoner above 5 years without any prosecution, and then released by the old Parliaments connivance, & so the blood of above 100000 *Protestants* that were murthered in *Ireland* in cold blood, is brought upon your Highness and this *Common-Wealth*, for justice not being speedily executed upon *William O Conner*, that others might hear, and fear, and do no more so wickedly; therefore the hearts of his confederates were fully set in them to do evil, so as they went on with that bloody design, and carried it on with an unnatural war. And when they saw the hand of God against them in the war they have ever since endeavored to carry on their long intended

And when the Massacre was discovered they put another face upon it by making a breach between the King & Parliament thereby to devide the Protestants.

tended Massacre, still deluding the *Protestant* Cavalier to streng h—en their hands, in carrying on the Popes design under colour of the Kings Interest, when as the Popes design is to destroy all *Protestants* whatsoever: and all the benefit which they could possible gain by it, was to be last destroyed; and that will more clearly appear in their intended Massacre in *London*, where all sorts of *Protestants* do live, and for the greater number of them were their own friends. For first they contrived some years since to Land forreign Forces at a distance from *London*, to draw our Army towards them; and then they were to cut off such of the State as stood most in their way, and to surprise our Guards, and then to fire the City in many places at once, and whilest the people were a quenching the fire, then they would fall upon the cutting of their throats. And for the more easie effecting thereof, the *Spanish* Embassador is, and hath been for many years their endeared friend, and hath entertained *William O Conner*, and *Patrick Carran Irish* Priest, who was taken in Arms against this *Common wealth*, and was appointed their Captain General: and also many other Priests and Jesuites, who do continually plot the carrying on the intended Massacre, and do contrive from time to time the carrying on of whatsoever may tend thereunto: as when the two *Irish* Traytors were in the *Tower*, the Engines that were made for their escape, was contrived at the *Spanish* Embassadors house; and there they were sometime secured till the search was over.

all which he is ready to prove by sufficient testimony

And when the Apprentices did make a tumult in the City upon the Sabboth day at night, then was his Gate open all night, and men in Arms passed in and out; and divers in Scarlet cloaks came to those of them that were put into *Newgate*, and afterwards boasted that the *Spanish* Embassador got them released: which sheweth what trecherous men were in the old Parliament, that would thus gratifie the peoples sworn enemies, & hold continual familiarity with them; for *Carr* hath boasted, that he could daily speak with them at the Parliament door. And when *Garret Dillon* another *Irish* Priest was appointed to dispose of the Arms, & Ammunition which the King of *Spain* had sent over to the *Catholicks* in *England* & *Ireland*, in the year 1640 he was secured at the *Spanish Embassadors* house, and from thence sent out to the Kings Army, where he was slain. Therefore let all understanding *Protestants*

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ſtants judge, whether he be fit to have liberty of reſidence within the City of *London* or no? And for many in the old Parliament, who carried on the ſame deſign, as may appear by their familiarity with the ſworn enemies of the *Common-wealth*; and by their releaſing of them frequently, and protecting of them to go between the King and his Queen all the time of the Wars; and when they were apprehended at any time, did ſuffer them to eſcape, and puniſhed the diſcoverers; and from time to time have uſed all their art and power to ſtifle all intelligence, and deſtroy all faithful intelligencers, and protected Spies and Agents for the King, to fire the City of *London*: and ſuffered above ſix ſcore thouſand pounds worth of Malignants goods to be conveyed away, to preſerve it from the fire when the City was to be burned: and likewiſe ſuffered threeſcore thouſand pounds to be conveyed to the King, which was in the hands of a Popiſh Treaſurer: and alſo concealed a Liſt of about 60 conſiderable perſons in the City, who with their confederates, did conſtantly contribute to the Kings Army conſiderable ſums of mony; All which with many other things, doth make it clearly appear, that they were reſolved to uphold the wars between the King and Parliament, until the *Proteſtants* were ſo deſtroyed that the *Papiſts* might have their wills of both; And I hope by this time all the rational part of our brethren the Cavaliers, and alſo all under all different forms whatſoever, are clearly convinced of their error, in taking up Arms for the Pope inſtead of a King; And therefore I do humbly entreat them, as they do tender their own lives, liberties, eſtates, poſtereties, the good of their Native Country and the *Proteſtant Religion* that they do never offer to ſtir upon any pretence whatſoever, to take up Arms againſt the higher powers; for if they do, they will but deſtroy themſelves, and make the wound of the Nation the deeper. And I am confident, that there were thouſands of them if they had known of the *Papiſts* deſign, they would as ſoon have torn their own fleſh off their bones, as ever have taken up Arms againſt their Country; And truly I am ſorry for thoſe that have a hand in this curſed deſign, which is in part diſcovered. and for thoſe of them that are undiſcovered, if they ſhall out of conſcience come in and ſubmit, and make diſcovery of what they do know. I dare engage my life that a hair of their heads ſhall not periſh.

Which will be apparent by proved.

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But some may Query why I do write in this manner? My answer is:

That for almost 10. years after my return from *Ireland*, my employment was as little, as my Estate: so that I had nothing to hinder me from observing the current of the times; amongst which I could not but take notice of the policy of the Priests, Jesuites, and all the popish faction, and there accomplices in playing their game on this manner. So long as the people are oppressed, they will be discontented: and so long as they are discontented, they will fall into Divisions, and so long as they are devided, the easier destroyed. And to this end was the reins cast upon the neck of all corrupt Committee men to cheat by thousands, and hundreds of thousands, and then hire Clarks to Coppy out their Books, to cover over their cheating, but these were of the better sort of them; for they had some fear in them: but the rest of them hath gone on with as little fear as they had honesty. And so for our corrupt Treasurers, which of them hath ever been called to account? And so for our unjust Judges who have judged for a Reward, are they not yet unquestioned? And for our Long-winded Lawyers, who can run races of 7. 10. 20. nay 40. or 50. years long; and make the people dance after their long tayls, until they were run so quite out of breath, that they had not a groat left in their purses, and many of them gone with sorrow to their graves; but I hope to see God making inquisition after the blood of these poor souls, which were so mercilesly murthered. And for the corrupt Members of the first House, how did they sit hacking and hewing at the two legges upon which this *Common wealth* did stand? I do mean Men and Money; For Men, how have they been betrayed both by Sea and Land? And how have they been discouraged some of them, by keeping back their just and dearly earned wages? and others by long attendance, to receive corsiderable sums which were by them disbursed, until some had well nigh perished, if not altogether, and many of them languish in prison, while unworthy varlets can have good rewards for there pretended good services: though indeed, they deserved to have their heads taken off for their unfaithfulness. And for Money, how hath it been consumed not only by the Monsters formerly mentionned, and many more of the like nature; but I do believe it will be proved, that some

Though many of them will be proved faulty.

and yet hath obtained nothing.

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of the Members hath ſent out of the Land divers millions at ſeveral times, beſides the vaſt Eſtates that ſome of them hath ſcrued into their own hands by unjuſt practiſes; but to add to this, when I do conſider the frequent recourſe that the *Iriſh Prieſts* and *Jeſuites* had to ſome of them; and how frequently the Prieſts, Jeſuites & *Iriſh* bloody Rebbels were releaſed from time to time, though their crimes were never ſo hainous; and knowing how they boaſted of their great friends that they had in the Houſe and Councel, by which they were extreamly encouraged; and upon which their confidence was builded of carrying on of their curſed deſign of the bloody Maſſacre, and clearly deſcerning that they had more friends there than the *Common-Wealth* had; for when they attempted to make a diſcovery of it, they were betrayed into their hands; I could not but conclude, that the deſolation of the everlaſting *Parliament*, was one of the greateſt mercies that ever this Nation received from God this many years; for if they had ſitten a little longer in all probability, they had accompliſhed their deſires: which if they had accompliſhed, then all mercies which God had vouchſafed us ſince theſe troubles, had been drowned in a Sea of blood.

And now my *Lord*, I beſeech you conſider how many parties hath God overthrown ſince theſe troubles fell upon us, as the Biſhops, the corrupt Houſe of Lords, the late oppreſſing King and his potent partie; yet notwithſtanding all this mighty work of God, our everlaſting Parliament would not learn righteouſneſs, but went on in the ſame oppreſſing courſes, if not greater, until they by walking in the ſame paths with their Predeceſſors, come to the ſame ſhameful downfal which befel them; for did not God cauſe their Sun to ſet at noon day: and did not they go out like the ſnuff of a candle, and have left a foul ſtink behind them? And how contemptible hath God made them in the eyes of the people? and although the action was ſo unheard of, and ſo contrary to the letter of the Law; yet I did never hear one ſo much as mutter againſt it; for the people were ſenſible of their perfidiouſneſs in breaking of their truſt, by neglecting to ſeek the publick good of the Nation, and ſeeking of their own particular advancement, by unjuſt practiſes and bribery, and acting of ſeveral Treaſons againſt the Nation: as endeavoring to cut your Highneſs

Highnes, and our Army, by aſſiſting of the late King, and endeavoring the deſtruction of this City, with many other horrid villanies, by the releaſing of the Prieſts and Jeſuites, and many bloody *Iriſh* Rebels: the countenancing of the ſworn enemies of the Nation, and diſcountenancing of the moſt cordial friends thereof, even to the diſtruction of ſome of them; their flocking to *Goldſmiths Hall* by 5,8. or 10 at a time, to help delinquents to come off at an eaſie rate, which to me, did then ſpeak thus much, that they would have their Eſtates preſerved, that ſo they might be ſtill able to carry on their wicked and helliſh deſign againſt this Nation.

But my *Lord*, this is that which doth ſtick upon the ſpirits of the people, that theſe men were never queſtioned for all their villanies committed by them, that ſo there might have been a difference between the precious and the vile: that thoſe few that were found faithful amongſt them might have been had in ſingular honour; for God had a ſmall handful amongſt them of faithful ones, who did ſpend their ſpirits to keep the *Common wealth* from utter deſolation, and did procure ſome good things for their Country: which I think did exceed all that went before them.

But my *Lord*, I know not what to ſay to theſe things more than this, that God doth ſuffer it to be ſo that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, in ſaying, *Let God be true and all men lyars*; and hath not the Spirit told us, *That becauſe ſentence is not ſpeedily executed upon an evil work, the hearts of the ſons of men are ſet in them to do evil, and that continually*; for if Juſtice had been executed upon *William O Conner* and his accomplices, all the villanies that were committed by our perfidious Parliament, Committees and others, had been prevented: and if Juſtice had been done upon them, then the enemies durſt not have contrived this deſtruction againſt you, and this Nation.

And I beſeech you, give me leave by the way, to tell you, that it is impoſſible to reconcile *Chriſt* and *Antichriſt* together, and that you cannot with ſafety put Serpents in your boſom, and not be deſtroyed by them, until their ſtings be pluckt out; For can you remove that enmity which God hath put between the ſeed of the woman, and the ſeed of the Serpent: then you may with ſafety cloſe with them; but if you cannot, as I am ſure you cannot, for it is not in the power of men and Angels to do it: then

take heed what you do; for if you have any further to do with them it will be your destruction. Oh I beseech you, call to mind the great and unparralel'd mercies which God hath vouchsafed to you in *England*, *Ireland* and *Scotland*! for I dare say, you dare not think, that you did atchieve them by your own strength or policie, or by the power of your owu arm; and if not, than it must need be by the power of the Lamb: and if so, than certainly he hath merited somthing at your hands by it; Therefore, why do you so evily requite him, and suffer all those mercies to be buried in oblivion? Do you think that he did exalt you to the throne, for you to leave him still sitting upon the Dunghil? and suffer his Members, and the friends of the *Common-Wealth*, to be still trampled upon, and destroyed by unjust Judges, and Antichristian Lawyers, and such base varlets as dare without ground imprison men at their pleasure, and constrain others to confine themselves to their own houses, to the utter undoing of them, and their families, chusing that rather than to be destroyed by mercyless blood-sucking Jaylors in stinking prisons.

My *Lord*, I beseech you remember that you are sworn to maintain the Law; and I am sure that all the jugling Antichristan Lawyers in *England*, are not able to produce any Law for these things: neither can there be any Law made to destroy the people, seeing that the safety of the people is above all Law: And now I beseech you in the Bowels of *Jesus Christ*, not to suffer this unspeakable deliverance, which doth bring in the bowels of it all our former mercies; for if the enemy had now prevailed, all the former mercies had been destroyed as if they had never been: Oh let it not be past over as all the former hath been! but let it awaken you to works of justice and mercy, and to break off your sins by repentance, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, for God hath shewed thee what is good; namely, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humble with thy God. And my *Lord*, you have born the name of a religious man for many years; and the Apostle *James* doth tell us, that *pure Religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is to visite the fatherless and the widdow in their adversity, and to keep our selves unspotted from the world*. Now if God be pleased to give this mercy such a setting on upon your heart, by the power of his eternal Spirit, that it doth awaken thee

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to hearken to the voice of the Lord, then thou ſhalt ſtand in deſpite of men and devils; but if thou doſt refuſe to hearken unto the word of the Lord, and walk perverſly towards thy God: I do then tell thee from the mind of God in Scriptures, that thou ſhalt fall and not ſtand, though all the Nations of the Earth ſhould combine together to prevent it; For I am ſure that all the Nations of the earth are not able to reſcue one man out of the hands of *Jeſus Chriſt*, when he ſhall ſeize upon him to call him to an account for his perfidious dealing with him; Therefore *be wiſe O Princes and learned, O Rulers of the earth: Kiſs the Son leaſt he be angry with you, and you periſh in the mid way; For the Stone which is cut out of the Mountain without hands ſhall break down all Powers, and ſhall be exalted above the top of all Mountains.* And I beſeech you all conſider, that God is about his overturning work, and he will overturn, and overturn until the Government be put into Chriſts hands, and then we ſhall have juſtice; for the Prophet ſaith that he is juſt: We have had many overturns, but there is a greater behind then any of the former; and I hope it will be but the overthrow of all the corrupt powers of the Nation, with the overthrow of the corrupt practice of the Law alſo. Man was happy ſo long as he acted the will of God; but when he fell to acting of his own will, he made himſelf and poſterity miſerable. And I cannot but admire at men, that think to make themſelves happy by ſeeking of their own wills: O! when I do conſider the actings of many of the Magiſtrates of this Nation, who are men of great Eſtates, and yet do daily break down the hedg of the Law, which God hath ſet about them to preſerve them, and their Eſtates from the Sons of violence. I ſay, when I do conſider their frequent practice therein, it doth make me tremble to think of the fearful event which might enſue, if others ſhould take example by them; therefore I do earneſtly beſeech them all both for their own good, and the good of the whole Nation, that they do now begin to act in the will of God; for in ſo doing, they ſhall be blameleſs both in the eyes of God and man; for I am ſure that man can never be happy, until he doth return into that condition wherein he was firſt happy; and when our wills are bound up wholly in the will of our God, then all controverſie ceaſeth, between the Creator and his creatures, without which we cannot be happy. And

truly, when the new overturn ſhall come, I think the wiſeſt man alive cannot ſay what party ſhall be undermoſt. but this I am confident of, that Chriſt will be uppermoſt; for Antichriſt hath had his day, and the Sun thereof is a ſetting, and the day of Chriſt is a dawning; therefore let all the Agents of Antichriſt know, that they will ſuddenly know that all their labor is in vain, although they have digged deep to hide their Councels from the Lord, yea even to the bottom of Hell it ſelf; yet let them know that God is there, and that nothing can be hid from his All-ſeeing eye: and the woe that God hath denounced againſt them, ſhall aſſuredly overtake them ſpeedily: and I cannot but wonder at their blindnes tha they do not ſee the hand of the Lord ſtretched forth againſt them, and how he hath made good his promiſe, that no weapon formed againſt him ſhall proſper; for if it could, certainly we had been ſwallowed up long ſince. Oh that this Nation from the higheſt to the loweſt would hearken what this ſpeaking providence of late years doth ſay! and that they would have their eys in their heads, to ſee how by a mighty and an out ſtretched arm he hath wrought ſalvation to his people, both in *England*, *Ireland* and *Scotland*! Could any hand but the hand of *Jehovah* have done it? When they had 20. nay, I am confident they had 40. for one; and yet God hath carried it againſt them, notwithſtanding all the falſneſs of thoſe that ſeemed to ſtand for us. What treachery and perfideouſneſs hath, and may be diſcovered in ſome that ſat at the Helm?

If the Popes Emiſſaries, would ſeriouſly conſider the mighty wonders that God hath wrought ſince theſe troubles began, it would make them ceaſe to indanger themſelves, and to perplex us; for though they have an excellent faculty in fomenting, and continuing diviſions amongſt us: yet I muſt tell them, that they do begin their work at the wrong end, for their diviſions reacheth but to the creature: and ſo long as the Creator is not devided, the Trinity is ſtill in unity; for the Father is not againſt the Son, nor the Son againſt the Spirit, nor the Spirit againſt the Father: but they are all one, and do ſet themſelves to carry on one deſign, which is to advance the Son; therefore until they can work a deviſion in the Deitie, it is impoſſible that they ſhould ever accompliſh their deſign, and I am ſure God can never be devided in himſelf

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ſelfe and I do beleeve that a great part of them are convinced of it, and conſequently of the impoſsibility of their prevailing againſt the Members of Chriſt, but they muſt ſhew of what houſe they doe come of, for they are like to their Father the Devill, who knoweth he cannot prevaile, yet he will do as much miſchief as he can, for he knoweth his time is ſhort, and therefore he rageth, and would not have this Nation have a being, neither in *England* nor *Ireland*, and therefore hath he ſtirred up Inſtruments of cruelty to raiſe ſuch mercileſſe taxes in *Ireland*, as I thinke the like was never known in the world, but they that have eyes to ſee may ſee, that God is a conſuming of Antichriſt with the ſpirit of his outh, and will ſhortly aboliſh him utterly with the brightneſſe of his coming. Therefore my counſell to all the Governors and Magiſtrates of this Nation, is to cloſe hands with Chriſt, in doing the will of the Father, for he ſaith, *If hee ſeeketh his own will, his judgement is not juſt*, how then can they thinke that they doe juſtice whilſt they doe ſeek their owne wils, but let them take heed for Chriſt will prevaile, and he will have the will and the Law of his Father eſtabliſhed; therefore I beſeech you cloſe with him in it, for all power in Heaven and Earth is committed into his hands, and he will prove a burthenſome ſtone to cruſh in pieces all thoſe that ſhall be found to oppoſe him, for he will make all his enemies his Foot-ſtoole.

I could wiſh that the Governors of the City of *London* had in time thought of theſe things, and then ſome of them would not have acted as they have done, in binding over to the Seſſions and good behaviours, and afterwards commit him to priſon, that did diſcover to him the deſigne of the Iriſh Prieſts and Ieſuits, to burne the Citty, and to maſſacre the people thereof; I thinke that God hath bereaved them the uſe of common reaſon, for could they think to eſcape any better then other men, but there was more in it then I will commit to publick view at this time, yet I hope God will ſtir up the Inhabitants of this City to importune our Grandees not to ſuffer thoſe to have Government in this City, who have brought off and acquitted the Plotter of the moſt dedeſperate bloody deſigne that ever was ſet on foot in the world, and ſtifled the treachery of a dangerous Enemy of this Commonwealth, and have puniſhed thoſe that did diſcover them: My

Lord, I doe once againe intreat you, as you tender your own ſafety to take heed of Flatterers, who *cry peace and ſafety*, even when that deſtruction which they have plotted is ready to ſeize upon you, to the deſtruction both of your perſon, this City and the whole Common-wealth; but bleſſed be the God of mercies, that hath carried you on to ſo deep a diſcovery of their damnable deſigne (and bleſſed be his name for ever) for regiving us all his former mercies and deliverancies, for in the wombe of this mercy were all his former mercies wrapped up: But my Lord you are not yet come to the bottome of it; therefore I beſeech you doe not thinke that the danger is paſt, and thereupon grow ſecure, but rather ſtreng hen your Guards, and your Army alſo, for I am confident that their deſi ne doth ſtill go on, and I thinke I am able to ſhew undeniable reaſons for it; but I will forbeare to do it publickly, the great God of Heaven and Earth give his mercy ſuch a ſetting on upon your ſpirit, that it may awaken you, and make you to ſee wherein you have delt unfaithfully with your God, in not performing thoſe ingagements and covenants which you have made unto him in the time of your diſtreſſe; can you thinke that he hath given you ſo many victories and deliverances both in the field, and upon your ſick bed, and that he doth expect no returnes from you againe: And truly my Lord untill you doe eſtabliſh Juſtice and mercy in this Nation, I dare ſay that you have done nothing for God, no nor for your Country: *For God hath ſhewed thee Oh man what is good, and what he requires of thee*, and if we will beleeve either the New or the Old Teſtament. Religion doth conſiſt in actions of this nature, and not in preaching, Hearing, Reading, and Praying, though theſe are not to be neglected; nay I could wiſh that they were much more uſed, notwithſtanding our Saviour calleth verball prayers babbling; and for this Common-wealth, I beſeech you conſider what benefit we are like to receive by all that which is done, whilſt you receive into your boſome thoſe that have all along endeavoured to deſtroy both you and this Common-wealth to the deſperate hazzarding of both, and ſo long as you doe ſuffer our eſtates and lives alſo to lie at the mercy of mercileſſe Lawyers and Judges, who offer Knights of the Poſt ſo frequently in the Courts, and that bonds of conſiderable ſummes may be forged, and then proved by falſe

oathes. Oh my Lord it would make you tremble, if you did know but the one halfe of the villaines of this kind, how can any mans life or estate be in safety, so long as these are suffered, I am sure that our Counsellors of the Law can shew no Law for these things, neither can they shew any Law for keeping a widow in their Courts, which sued for 80.l. untill they have gotten above 200. l. in Fees, and yet the money unrecovered, truly my soule can not but mourn for these things, and also to think of the wofull misery which will assuredly fall upon that Generation of men, for the woe was denounced by God himselfe, for binding heavy burdens, and laying them upon other mens shoulders, and that stroak that hath been so many hundreth years in comming, must needs be dreadfull when it cometh. My Lord, *Solomon* was a wise man, and he could see nothing in any thing under the Sun *but vanity and vexation*, and he saith, *that he that cometh after him shall do nothing but what he hath done before him.* & certainly the more our hearts are let forth after any thing under the Sun, the further we shall be from being satisfied therewith, but experience telleth me, that God can satisfie the soule to the full without any aboundance of outward things, and that it is greater riches to injoy him without carnall greatnesse or honour in the world, then it can be to injoy more of them then our hearts can desire without him, *For what doth it advantage a man to win the Whole world, and loose his own soule Every building that is not founded upon a Rocke shall fall*, and I know no Rock of stability, but the Rock of ages, therefore if you mean to stand make God your stability by establishing Justice and Righteousnesse, and Mercy in this Nation, make Justice the Foundation, and Mercy the corner stone, and then your building shall stand, and you shall have the prayse and honour of a wise Builder, and give me leave with *Jethro, to say that the thing which thou doest is not good*, the worke is too great for you, and your Counsell, It will weary out both you and the people therefore I beseech you let us have a Committee to examine, and redresse the grievances of the Nation, and leave the weighty matters to you, and your Counsell, of such men as wee shall chuse, and such as there can be no exception against, and then you shall see all the secret enemies of your person and this Nation, discover the debts of the Nation paid, the minds of the people quieted

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and their hearts united together to the great astonishment of all Christendome, and you shall have such a bank of treasure, and publick revenue, as shall make all the enemies of this Nation afraid ever to attempt any thing against it, for what doth or hath in former ages incouraged the Enemy, but our divisions, and the treacherous plots of the popish Emisaries: therefore I think it unpossible for *England* to be in safety, untill they be transplanted, for are they not sworne to hazard lives, and all that is dear to them to destroy those which they call Hereticks; and hath not this Nation in past ages found it to be their constant indeavour, and *France* can likewise manifest their unsatiable thirst which they have after Protestant blood, it is time for thee O Lord to work, for men have destroyed thy Law, and instead thereof hath brought in a Antichristiall Jugell which destroyeth the people, only to inrich themselves. My Lord, what would you have of this Nation? if Honour, then you shall have as much as you can stand under, if Wealth, then you shall have more then you can tell what to doe withall, only gratifie this Nation in this one thing of justice, and they will serve you for ever, and that with freedome and chearefulnesse, you will not need to constraine them, for they will be more carefull of you then of their own lives, then will the prayers of the poor continually ascend unto the Throne of grace, untill as I may speak with holy Reverence that they have surprised the Almighty on your behalfe. And my Lord if you will grant us this Committee, and give them full power to proceed according to the righteous Law of God, and of this Nation, then I will ingage my life to pay all the Publick Faith Bills of the Nation, with one moyetie of what will be brought in by them, after the discoverer hath had his fifth part, and the other moyiety shall goe into the publick Treasury to pay the Army, and to prevent the selling of the prise of the poor Souldiers blood for nought, that so in time the taxes may be taken off, only we shall desire liberty to attend the Committees, with liberty to speak on behalfe of the Common-wealth, and that you doe afford us a speedy and an effectuall assistance, to remove any upon Just Cause, and to put in others that shall be Judged faithfull in their rooms, and that any three or more of them to take any examination, and five or more of them to Judge any matter, only leaving the weighty

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matters to bee judged by you and your Councill; this you will quickly finde will give such content to all sorts of people, that there will not long bee need of an Army in *England*, and after that, send an Army where you please, onely take the Word for your rule, and you shal see such a presence of the Almighty going along with them, that they shal not meet with any great opposition; but my Lord, if you shal refuse to hearken to the counsel of thy God, then I could wish that God would provide me a place in the wilderness, and feed me by a Raven as hee did the Prophet, that so I might not see the woful desolation that God wil bring upon you, and your family, and the misery which is likely will come upon this Nation; yet I am confident that God will finde out a way to lay you aside, and yet preserve his people, for hee hath a people in this nation which hee will not sell for nought: I beseech you consider, what is it that maketh any Action lawfull or unlawfull? is it not Cods willing, or nulling of it? if so, then (I hope) you wil say to us as Pope *Elutherius* said to [illegible]*lutius* King of *Brittain*, when hee wrote to him to send him the Imperial Laws to govern *Brittain* by, he wrote this answer, The *Roman Emperial Laws were made by men, and might be excepted against*: But saith he *I have sent you the Old and New Testament, out of which you may gather sufficient Lawes to govern by*: And (I hope) that none in this Nation dareth to bee so blasphemous, as to say, that there may bee found out a juster or a more righteous rule to walke by than that, if so, then what have wee any longer to doe with that Antichristian Juggle, which hath destroyed so many thousands of this nation: but let Christ bee our King and our Law-giver, Oh! that I did know what Argument to use that might prevaile with you herein! For, I am assured, that so great will bee the happiness that will come to this nation by it, that for the obtaining of it, I could wish, that it were written with my heart-blood, rather than it should not bee obtained. For the Spirit saith, justice and righteousness exalteth a nation, and the fruit thereof shal bee peace,

and I am confident, that if you had more wiſdom than *Solomon*, and could ſpeak with the tongue of Angels, you ſhal never reconcile this Nation without juſtice; for I do ſee that God hath ſet it upon the ſpirits of the people of this Nation to have Chriſt exalted by eſtabliſhing juſtice: My Lord, you have ſtrong guards about you, and they are no ſtronger then need requireth, and I could wiſh they were ſtronger, yet my Lord remember, that except the Lord doth keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain: Now my Lord, if juſtice be an Attribute of God, God cannot be divided, if injuſtice bee found with you, aſſure your ſelf that God is not preſent with you, and if any thing or perſon can ſtand without God, judge ye. I beſeech you conſider what was the downfal of your predeceſſor, and do you think that God is changeable? would he deſtroy a King for the injuſtice that was acted under him, and will he not deſtroy you for offering far greater injuſtice, eſpecially conſidering that it is committed againſt far greater light, and ſtronger engagements, and more publike promiſes made before God and man? I beſeech you remember, that all that have fallen before you, when they came once to live in the hatred of the people, they were ſhort lived, and how you do ſtand in the hearts of the people, I will not gratifie your and the Commonwealths enemies, ſo much as to commit it to publike view; but I muſt tel you, that thoſe that have your ears at command, and ſtoppeth them from your friends, thoſe with the Gentlemen of the long robe, and others, with a religious cloak upon their backs to cover their knaverie with all, will very ſhortly render you far more odious in the peoples eyes than ever were any of thoſe that fel before you. My Lord, it is not the Governor that the people kicketh againſt, but the manner of governing; for if the people be governed juſtly and righteously, they care not whether it be by *OLIVER, Lord Protector*, or by a *CHARLS, by the Grace of God*, or *Parliament*: but if they cannot have it from neither of them, then they will ceaſe from them all, and lift up their eys to the Hils from whence their help cometh, and give the God of Juſtice no reſt until the Government be put into the hands of Chriſt; therefore I beſeech you conſider what you do, leſt you be found a Fighter againſt him; for though God hath given you many victories, yet my life

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for it, he wil not give you the victory over his Son, but wil exalt him in despight of all the Kings, Emperors, and Protectors in the world, and wil suddenly call them all to a strict account for their oppressing of his members; therefore remember what God hath promised, that if your ways please him, he wil make your enemies at peace with thee, therefore take no care to please this party, nor that party, but let thy care be to please thy God, by doing of justice and shewing mercy to the poor, & then never heed what this man saith, or what other men say, for it is not the sayings of men but the counsel of the Lord that must stand; therefore take heed of making Christ thy enemy by quarrelling against his members, for he taketh any thing done to them as done to himself: And my Lord, I beseech you consider, that though a Guard is good to preserve you against a visible enemy, yet remember, that when that impartial Serjeant *Death* shal come to arrest thee, I tel thee it is not an Army nor Guard, nor Life-guard that can keep him out, and then to whom wilt thou flie for help? The creature cannot help thee, and if thou shalt think to go to God, thy conscience cannot but tel thee, that thou hast not rendred to God according to what thou hast received from him; for he hath done thee many favours, and such as made the whole earth ring of them; but thy conscience and all this nation wil witness against thee, that thou hast done nothing for him until thou hast freed the nation from the tyranny of the Gentlemen of the long Robe, notwithstanding that God calleth for it, his people hath prayed and sought it at thy hands both by writing and by word of mouth: O my Lord! I beseech you consider what a cloud of witnesses wil come in against you, consider it, (I say) before it be too late; for assuredly, if you wil not do that work for which hee hath brought thee unto this place, assuredly he wil suddenly lay thee aside; I beseech you consider that God hath put power into your hands to establish Justice and righteousness in this nation, and if there be a principle within you why is it not don, I do profess it maketh me to tremble to think how unanswerable it is, both before God and man. And the late King did think himself, as far from being questioned by man, as you can, yet you see what is become of him. I beseech you remember that it is God that ordreth the spirits of men, it is he that subdueth the hears of the people unto Kings and Governors, and it is he that raiseth

the ſpirits of the people againſt them when they do not govern in and for the Lord; and I do not know any ty or rule in all the Scriptures, no not in the neereſt relations that requireth obedience, but in the Lord, then if magiſtrates and governors wil caſt aſide the wil and law of God, and act in and for their own wils, and by the corrupt Antichriſtian laws which were diviſed by covetous men, with the help of the Devil, to inrich themſelves by the ruin of many thouſand families, widows, and fatherleſs; I ſay if they do act, and command, and govern in their own wils and by a Law which is ſo directly oppoſite to the wil and law of God, than no wonder though there be ſo much murmurring and complaining in our ſtreets, ſo much plotting & contriving the ruin and deſtruction of our governors, for the thing is of God, though the evil and bloody intention in them is from the devil and their own luſts, becauſe they cannot ſet up Antichriſt and eſtabliſh iniquity and all ungodlineſs by a law, that ſo they might live according to their own luſts; this I ſay is of the devil, yet I ſay the thing is of god, and that for moſt righteous ends, to make governors afraid to act in their own wils, and by corrupt Antichriſtian laws; for hath not god promiſed that if our ways pleaſeth him he wil make our enemies at peace with us; then my lord, what concluſion can be drawn, when not only our enemies but our frends are at variance with us, and have ſought our deſtructions? the Lord ſayd to one, if thou doſt wel, ſhalt thou not be excepted? yes, thou ſhalt be excepted with god, and excepted with man; then my lord, who can hurt thee? who will plot any evil againſt thee? nay, wil not all bleſs thee, and bleſs god for thee that ever he brought ſuch a man to rule over us? but my Lord, if thou doeſt evil, ſin lieth at thy dore, and certainly if ſin once lye there, Judgment wil not be long abſent, I mean judgment with a witneſs, for it is a Judgment to have the people ready to rebel and to riſe up againſt thee, but when it cometh with a witneſs, it wil take effect to the ſweeping of thee and thine off from the land of the living, therefore my Lord, I beſeech thee, lay it to heart; what wil neither real mercies beſtowed upon thee nor judgments threatned and ſhaken over thee, awake thee, though timely diſcovered to preſerve thee? whereby god ſhoweth thee how he could have cut thee off, but this he doth to make further trial of thee, to ſee if thou wilt be awakened and driven

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out of thy own wil, to Act in the wil and Law of thy god that so he might be a shield and a buckler unto thee, and unite the hearts of the people unto thee: Oh my Lord! I beseech the return to thy god and be safe, make him thy stability by establishing iustice, iudgment, and righteousnes in this Nation: Oh! that thou wouldst thus try God, and once in thy life keep a true fast by breaking the bands of wickedness, by taking off every burthen, and letting the oppressed go free: Oh! I say, that thou wouldest thus try god, and see if he wil not open the windows of heaven, and power down abundantly blessings of all sorts, both upon thee and thine, & this whole nation, then wil the people bless thee, and when ever they do see thy face, they wil make the heavens to ring with their acclamations and strong cries, which they wil send up to heaven for thee, it wil make the hearts of the widows and fatherless to sing in them for ioy, I beseech you consider of the greatness of the good which wil come by it, for it wil discover much more evil than I have, or is fit to mention in a publike way, it wil procure far greater good to this nation then my pen is able to express, for it wil do the greatest part of your work to your hands, and it wil be done on free-cost, for they wil act without any sallery, so that the work will be done without any trouble to you, or charge to the people: Oh, how wil this unite the hearts of the people unto you! and it wil remove your desperate enemies far from you, which now are in your bosom. I beseech you be no longer deluded by the Lawyers, to think that they wil regulate the Law, & see justice done to the oppressed of the nation, for is it not their trade to oppress by their delatory proceedings, & putting fair glosses upon foul causes, making good seem to be evil, and evil seem to be good? whereby they do bring more detriment to the nation than all the cheaters, pick-pockets, Highway robbers, or all the charge of the whole Army; is it possible that any which do live by the corrupt practise of the Law, should see the evil thereof, so long as the gain thereof is as a gift, which the Spirit saith doth blind the eys of the wise? and these are wise men, they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no heart, I speak for the generality of them, I include not all, for I do know a few, and but very few of them of whom I have better hopes, but it is an easier work to make ten new Laws out of the Scriptures, than to reforme the old,

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which is so ful frought with corrupt juggles and deceitful tricks to make one that beget ten others; but methinks I do see the lawyers, the traytors and the tyrants flocking about my Lord, telling him, that these men cannot determin things according to Justice, because they are ignorant of the Law; to which I answer, that they are men that are very wel instructed in the Law of righteousnes, which is the Law that must do us and this Nation good. My Lord, I beseech you observe those that are most solicitous against it, and you shall see them discovered to be no friends to you, nor to this Commonwealth; and now my dear countrymen all, as I have earnestly intreated some of you never to stir again by way of hostility, for truly they do destroy themselves and families, and indanger the whole Nation, for the sworn enemies thereof have made themselves as strong as possible they can waiting an opportunity to destroy us all; therefore it behoveth every man to have his eye about them, and to watch the movings of these vipers, who do seek to eat out the belly of their mother, and so I do as earnestly intreat you all to stir from every several County and City by importunate petitions to move the Protector to grant us this committee, and then we shal see more good done in one quarter of a year, then ever all the Lawyers did since they were first created: And I beseech you give him no rest, for I know that his melting heart cannot deny nor with hold so great a good from this nation, for he cannot but see that it is a thing most acceptable, both to God and man. And now a word to the poor scattered Saints, who goeth sighing and mourning after their God, and thirsting after a more full revelation and manifestation of the unchangeable love of the father unto or in them, I do say to these, lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth near, the Lord whom you seek wil come suddainly into his Temple: Christ is even at the doors to make himself glorious in his Saints, and admired in them that believe, and no wonder though they do admire their God, to think that notwithstanding all their wretched sinful courses, whereby they have provoked God to his face, and done as much as in them ly to ungod him; yet notwithstanding, his love is continued ful unto us, and all that he doth to us, either for matter of prosperity, or adversity, all is out of his love to win us back again unto himself

ſelf though he be inforced ſomtimes to ſtrip us of all our lovers, that ſo we may at the laſt, he arken to the voice of our firſt love, and then when he hath allured us to hearken to him, and that he hath ſpoken comfortable unto us, he then procedeth to batter and break us all to pieces in our parts, nay and in our graces alſo and maketh us to know that we do not only ſtand in need of the grace of God, but even of the god of grace, to binde us up, and to cure us of all our incurable diſeaſes; as pride, hardneſs of heart, and unbelief; for it requireth no leſs power to work faith in an unbelieving ſoul, then it did to raiſe Chriſt from the dead; and if once we have found god to be a faith working god, what cannot that ſoul truſt god with? he can truſt him with al his graces and his righteouſneſs, and be content to ſeek a righteouſneſs in him, who is the Lord our righteouſneſs; and then when he liveth in us, we ſhall act righteouſly, and luſtly: And yet not we but the grace of god in us, or rather the god of grace in us, theſe has fellowſhip both with the father, and with the ſon. And they do go to the father in the ſame unction with the ſon, and can ſay, father, we know that thou heareſt us alwaies; to theſe I ſpeak deſiring to ſtir up their pure minds to be carefull that when the father draweth them, they do run unto him, and by his own power ſurpriſe him, and let him not go til he doth bleſs this nation with the eſtabliſhing of Juſtice, Judgment, and Righteouſneſs, hold him faſt I ſay and preſs him to it, for god cannot refuſe to grant his own deſires, which he hath ſtird up in us by his ſpirit, for Father, Son, and Spirit are one, and all of one mind, and deſireth in us of god, nothing but what is the mind of god, both Father and Son, then why ſhould we doubt but that Chriſt is at the very dores, for how ſtrongly doth the ſpirit cry in his poor deſpiſed ones? and Chriſt ſaith, when the ſon of man cometh ſhall he finde faith on the earth, truly there is almoſt none that can believe that Chriſt is ſo near his coming as he is, but do we not ſee almoſt, all the ſcripture fulfilled, which are to be fulfilled before his coming, as the great abounding of iniquity and the like O! let us not doubt but believe, for if we can believe, all things are poſſible, and truly I am confident that for this work I ſhall ſtir up all the corrupt Lawyers, the Papiſts, Prieſts, and Jeſuits, and all the Traitors and Tyrants of this

this nation to combine together to destroy me, and then will pursue me even as so many eagles pursueth a partridg upon the mountains, but my god who is my father and husband, can preserve me from them all, and receive me as hee did the dove into the Ark with the olive branch in her mouth; but whether he will or not, yet let them know that I fear them not in the least, for the worst hurt they can do to me is to break in pieces this vail of flesh which keepeth me absent from my God, but I am sure so long as my father hath any work for me to do, they shall have no power over me, and when I have finished his work, I shall be ready to surrender that life which I have carried in my hands these five years, ready to resign it into the hands of whomsoever hee shall send for it; for then I shall enjoy the full fruition of that which he hath given me but an earnest of; & then I shal remain with him for ever, and see him as he is, Christ was obedient to the will of the father even unto death, and therefore sin, hell, and death were to weak to hold him, but was by the eternal spirit raised unto glory, and he hath given the same glory unto his members, and if thou wilt immitate our head, in doing the will of the Father, by establishing justice and mercy, then all the bands of wickedness and snares of death wherewith thy flattring enemies have incompassed thee withall, whereby thine ears are stopped from hearing the cries of the poor, I say they shall all be broken, and be too weak to hold thee, and thou shalt be raised to a higher degree of glory then ever any meer man that went before thee; for assuredly the neighbor nations do begin to tremble at thee already, and if God shall once appear in England in iustice, iudgment, and mercy, then I tell thee, they shall all fall before thee, and the good that shall come to this nation, by Iustice, will make all the commons of other nations rather invite thee then oppose thee. Oh! therefore, do the will of thy God, be faithful in a little, for what thou hast yet is very little, to what thou shalt have, for he will make thee ruler over much, and over and above thou shalt enter into thy masters joy, which is greater happiness and treasure then to possess the whole earth, My Lord, Christ in the 5 of *John* maketh it a thing of impossibility for us to believe while we receive honor one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh of God only, and plentiful

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experience doth tel me, that when we do believe that God can and wil give us and cast upon us far greater honour for doing of his wil, then all the great Monarks of the earth can give us; then we wil scorn to step forth to the creature for any addition, for what is all the honour that all the great ones of the earth can bestow upon thee? it is but titulary, and a meer shaddow as nothing and endeth in trouble and horror; then much more that which thou didst receive from thy inferiors, and some of them did stand in more need of thy protection to keep them from Iustice, then thou didst of that honor which they did put upon thee, for thou wast much more honourable before, for assuredly they have given the but a meer bubble. But now my Lord, I beseech you be awaked to act in the wil of thy God, and thou canst not want true and lasting honour, which shall remain with thee, and thy name shall be honourable to the ends of the earth, when thou art dead and gone; the work which God hath been about these many years past, is to draw all good into himself, and to leave the creature empty, that so we may see that all men, even the best of men are a meer lye, for we can no sooner receive any good by the creature, but presently we cry out, good master! whereas he telleth us, that there is none good but God, for all good cometh from him, and is but handed to us by the creature, as the water through the conduit-pipe, and yet we do rob God of his honour by ascribing that to the creature which is only due to the Creator, but when God hath taught us to cease from man and to make God to be all in all, by ascribing the glory of all the good we do receive unto God, who is the fountain of all good, then I doubt not but God will recover many of those eminent professors of religion, who have by their corrupt covetous and carnal actings, brought so great a blot upon the profession of Religion, by making them to see how they have been catching after the shaddow, and lost the substance; and as I may say, have pierced the Lord of life, I doubt not I say, but God wil recover them, but it wil cost them deer, they must pass through the fire, nay even through hel it self, and the fire of the spirit must burn up and consume in them the fleshly principle, that *Dalilah* which hath betray'd them into the hands of the uncircumcised: My Lord I beseech you take care that

none of the traytors of the old houſe, nor none of the lawyers do creep into this houſe, for if they do, it is impoſſible that any good can come to the Commonwealth.

My Lord, the hearts of the people are much rejoyced, to ſee that greatneſs could not prevail with you to ſtifle Iuſtice for the blood of one innocent man, and doth fil them with hope that you wil not ſuffer the blood of an hundred thouſand men to go unexpiated. The Spirit of God never ſpake any thing but truth, and that hath told us, that oppreſſion maketh wiſe men mad, and ſome of this generation who is ſo mad as to act to their own deſtruction, did for a time ceaſe, and would have ceaſed totally, if they could have ſeen juſtice eſtabliſhed, but for want thereof did fall to their mad actings again, and were cut off. I do not read throughout the Scriptures, where there are greater promiſes made to any thing then to works of Juſtice and Mercy, nor greater Iudgments denounced againſt any thing than iniuſtice and oppreſſion: Oh! that thou wouldſt hearken to the Commandments of thy God! then ſhal thy peace be as a river, and thy righteouſneſs as the waves of the Sea, and thy name ſhal not be cut off, nor deſtroyed from before the Lord, but the Lord wil do his pleaſure upon *Babylon*, and his arm ſhal be upon the *Caldeans*, and although the oppreſſor or the oppreſſing City *Babylon* ſhould mount up to heaven, and fortifie her ſelf in the heighth thereof, yet from me ſhal ſpoylers come unto her, ſaith the Lord, and the violence which ſhe hath done to *Sion*, and the blood of *Jeruſalem* ſhal be upon the inhabitants of the *Caldeans*, and God wil plead *Sions* cauſe, and *Babylon* ſhal become heaps, &c. Oh therefore I beſeech you flee out of *Babylon*, and deliver thine own ſoul, and be not cut off in her iniquity, for the time of the Lords vengeance is at hand, and he wil render unto her a recompence; therefore get thee into thine own countrey, for her Iudgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies, and the Lords device is againſt *Babylon*, to deſtroy it. Oh my Lord! I beſeech you conſider that I deſire nothing of you, but what God and this Nation calleth for at your hands, the doing whereof wil ſo indeer the hearts of the Nation to you, that it wil ſecure you for the future, the neglect thereof wil ſet both

both God and the Nation at a diſtance from you, but the granting thereof will not onely procure all the good formerly mentioned, but it will make ſuch plentiful proviſion for the poor, that there ſhall not be a beggar in our Iſrael.

A POSTSCRIPT, *containing Reaſons and Motives to move the* preſent powers *to grant us ſuch a Committee.*

1. *Reaſon.* THis, and this onely, is the means to eaſe the peoples burthens, and to ſatisfie their mindes, whereby their hearts may be united in love one to another, and to the preſent Government; for how can the people think that you do fulfill the end for which God hath ſet you over them, whileſt they do ſee themſelves ſo abominably cheated in every corner of the Commonwealth, and vaſt ſums of money conveyed out of the Common-wealth, and can have no redreſs for it?

2. *Reaſ.* How can you think the wrath of God can bee appeaſed towards this nation, whileſt the blood of above a hundred thouſand proteſtants, who were maſſacred in cool blood, is unexpiated, and thoſe that had a hand in bringing it upon us, were advanced for their ſo doing, and are in Government amongſt us, though it was diſcovered time enough to have had it prevented, and ſo to have prevented all the wars and miſeries that hath ſince fallen upon theſe three Nations? In this lyeth the core of *Englands* ſore, and untill it be drawn out, it is impoſſible that this Nation can be cured.

3 *Reaſ.* How do you think that God can bleſs you, by making the people to love and honor you, whilſt you do ſuffer them to be deſtroyed by that abominable cheat of the corrupt practiſe of the Law, and ſuffer them to be arreſted and laid in priſon for many thouſands, when there is not one penny due, and the greateſt part of the burthen of it doth light upon the cordial friends of the Commonwealth, and ſuffer thouſands of widows and fatherleſs to be deſtroyed in their Eſtates by the Gentlemen of the long Robe, and by unjuſt ſentences in the Courts, and no mans ear is open to hear their cries: Aſſuredly, if the Scriptures be true, and if God be juſt, (as he cannot be otherwiſe) then he will continue ſhaking and overturning all the power of this Nation, untill theſe things be remedied; therefore I beſeech your Highneſs to take theſe things into your ſerious conſideration, & give your

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ſoul no reſt until theſe things be reformed, for God hath promiſed that for the ſighing of the poor and needy, he wil ariſe, and I am confident that there never was ſo much ſighing and crying of the poor and needy unto the Almighty in any age in the world, as there is at this day. Some may object and ſay, that I am miſtaken, & that there can be no ſuch diſcoveries made out, becauſe there hath been ſeveral Committees appointed, and little or nothing could be made to appear. To which I anſwer.

1. That the Popiſh Antichriſtian party had ſo interwoven themſelves into the powers of this Nation, that they would not have any to be impowerd that would ſuffer any ſuch thing to be done, for feas leſt they themſelves (or their friends) ſhould taſt of the laſh, and it is a thing impoſſible to perſwade blinde men to ſee, and who is ſo blinde as they that will not ſee?

2. I anſwer, that I have held correſpondency with many intelligible perſons from all corners of this Commonwealth, who will make it good, and I am confident that I can have hundreds of thouſands that will ingage in it, and if it be not performed, let me die the death.

3. I do conceive that ſome in Authority may have ſome guilt of this kinde upon their conſciences, which may make them unwilling to grant us this power. To which I anſwer, that the granting of this power will be ſo acceptable to the people, that it will be look'd upon as a ſufficient means for whatſoever can be objected againſt any of them.

4. My Lord, either you or the corrupt practice of the Law muſt of neceſſity fall; therefore down with that abominable thing, and eſtabliſh the Righteous and Merciſull LAW of our GOD, and then thou wilt be eſtabliſhed in Righteouſneſs.

And now honored Senators, if there be any love unto Jeſus Chriſt in you, or any longing for his glorious appearing, then put on bowels of compaſſion towards the poor and miſerable oppreſsed of this Nation; for whatſoever is done unto any of the Members of CHRIST, he taketh it as done unto himſelf: And I beſeech you remember, that your own Poſterities are concerned in it, and muſt taſte of the Cup which you do provide.

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